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PEACE SESSIONS APPROACH REAL BIG CRISIS

With Menace of Disagreement Removed
Danger Is Due to Failure of Delegates to Have Fixed Program.

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(Special Cable to The News Scimitar.)
PARIS, Jan. 29.—Unmistakably the peace conference is approaching a crisis, the first, perhaps, of many, but no less a real crisis. This is not the result of the development of irreconcilable views of any open or secret disagreement. There has been none, and, in my judgment, there will be none.

Nothing is more likely, viewed from present conditions, than that from start to finish the conquerors of Germany will continue to act in co-operation and with unbroken harmony. It is possible to dismiss in advance rumor and reports of altercations, of ultimatums and of all similar circumstances. Britain, France and the United States—the three great powers—cannot be separated by any question which may arise.

By contrast the crisis which approaches grows out of good rather than ill feeling. It is the result of the coming of President Wilson to the peace conference. The first week of the conference was a success. The delegates from all the great powers were welcomed in a small sense as a savior of society, as the guarantor of a new world. There was at most a difference only in degree in Rome, London and Paris.

Wilson's position almost unique in history. He had, and I think he retains, the confidence of the people of the United States. He was hailed by the masses of the people as the promoter of a new era. Mr. Wilson was welcomed in no small sense as a savior of society, as the guarantor of a new world. There was at most a difference only in degree in Rome, London and Paris.

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REPORT OF DANCE AROUSES PARENTS

Sponsors of Social Event at Central High Deny Edmondson Charges.

Many members of the Parent-Teacher association expressed themselves as being indignant over the charges made to the board of education by W. C. Edmondson, one of the members of the association, that the dance given by the school was a disgraceful affair.

Convicted of Good.
I do not desire at this time to seem to criticize. I have been convinced, and remain convinced, that the school is doing its best to provide a good education for its pupils.

Polish Question Before Council.
PARIS, Jan. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme council of the peace conference held before it this morning the Polish question, and the instructions to be given to the plenipotentiaries of the Polish government.

Pet Deer In Rage Badly Hurts Woman In Fierce Struggle.
The husband has no authority over his wife's real property in any state except Florida and Louisiana. In 21 states she may convey her separate real estate without her husband's consent or signature, subject, however, to the distributive share of her husband in any transfer in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia.

Yeggs Blow Open Vault Of Bank At Star City.
STAR CITY, Ark., Jan. 29.—(Spt.)—Two men blew open the vault door of the Lincoln County bank here at 1:30 o'clock this morning with nitroglycerine, but were frightened away by residents who were aroused by the explosion and rushed to the bank, heavily armed. The men escaped in a stolen automobile. Nothing of value was taken from the bank. Officers believe the robbers were amateurs.

Capital Girl to Wed Ohio Officer

Miss Lillian Birney.

Miss Lillian Birney, one of Washington's most prominent society women, is to marry Capt. E. R. Pinkston, of the United States army, in a ceremony to be held at the home of her parents in Washington.

Conditions Awful.
The conditions of ordinary life pass description here in Western Europe. One day enormously for little, and the other for nothing. Food is dear, and the people are suffering from lack of it.

League as Guardian.
The distribution of these guardianships is to be made by the league of nations, so it again happens as in the case of the colonies, that the reform proposed at the conference is wholly dependent upon the consummation of the league.

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LONGSHOREMEN WIN.
MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 29.—In an award made today, Samuel Zimmerman, president of the Longshoremen's association, gave to the longshoremen of the International Longshoremen's association, a check for \$100,000.

DIES IN CALIFORNIA.
MRS. Mary R. Roeder, a trained nurse who served in the Red Cross hospital in California and her remains will be held by Rev. Farria at the Christian church, followed by interment at East View cemetery. Deceased leaves a mother, one sister, Mrs. Holloman, of this place, and now away on a visit.

SALES COMPLETED.
MANILA, Jan. 29.—Sales of enemy owned property in the Philippine Islands have been completed, it was announced here. The sales realized approximately \$1,000,000.

SURGEON PEACE ENVOY.
MANAGUA, Jan. 29.—Dr. Alejandro Cesar has been appointed the representative of Nicaragua at the peace conference. Dr. Cesar is a prominent surgeon.

PROHIBITION SET BY PROCLAMATION

Acting Secretary of State Polk Signs Formal Notification of Amendment's Ratification.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was proclaimed formally today by Frank L. Polk, acting secretary of state. The proclamation is dated today, but legal authorities of the department say ratification was accomplished when the thirty-sixth state acted favorably on Jan. 16, and that, under the terms of the amendment itself, prohibition becomes effective one year from that date, or on Jan. 16, 1920.

The proclamation was signed by Mr. Polk exactly at 11:20 a.m., in the presence of Senator Sheppard, of Texas, author of the resolution; former Secretary Bryan, Representative Charles H. Randall, of California, prohibitionist member of the house, and officials of the Anti-Saloon League of America, the Women's Christian Temperance union and other antialcohol organizations.

Flu Puts Ashland Negro To Sleep For Ten Days In France.
ASHLAND, Miss., Jan. 29.—(Spt.)—Bill Stubbins, a negro, went to sleep with the flu, and has not yet woken up. He is now in a hospital in France, and is expected to be there for ten days.

FAVOR PROBE INTO FORD'S SENATE RACE.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Favorable report on the resolution for immediate investigation of the Michigan Newberry Ford senatorial campaign, was today given by the senate committee on the judiciary.

Kentucky Pastor Says He Will Hold Meet In Spite Of Law.
PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 29.—(Spt.)—Rev. H. Boyce Taylor was fined \$100 in the highway court today, on a charge of violating the health laws of the state by holding meetings in a church after the health board of the county had expressly forbidden such meetings on account of the influenza epidemic.

CITY MANAGER WILL RECEIVE TENTATIVE DRAFT TO BE DISCUSSED AND CHANGED IF NECESSARY.

Committee of Twelve Then Will Receive Tentative Draft To Be Discussed and Changed If Necessary.

THEN TO COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED.
Will Contain Referendum If Such Be Constitutional and Backed by Sincere Demand. Pledges Considered Binding.

Work on Constitutionality.
The question of whether or not a referendum clause will be included in the charter, or amendment to the charter, which the citizens' committee is drafting, depends upon two things. Mr. Ellis said, "The first one is whether or not the referendum is constitutional; the second, and equally vital one, is whether there is a general and sincere demand for such a clause on the part of the citizens of Memphis."

MOB ATTACKS DEPOT AFTER FATAL WRECK.
MANAGUA, Jan. 29.—After the railway accident near Managua, Nicaragua, Sunday, Jan. 27, a mob of 1,000 persons attacked the railway station at Managua and destroyed the fence surrounding it.

HEAVY PENALTIES ARE GIVEN AUTO SPEEDERS.
Alleged automobile speeders are meeting with little pity in city court, where they are being sentenced to heavy fines or terms in prison.

THE WEATHER.
Tennessee—Fair, moderate temperature. Mississippi—Partly cloudy, warmer in north. Arkansas—Fair, moderate temperature. Alabama—Fair, cloudy, warmer in north. Kentucky—Fair, moderate temperature. Louisiana and Oklahoma—Fair, little change in temperature. East Texas—Partly cloudy, probably unsettled in west coast; little change in temperature. West Texas—Probably fair, slightly warmer in southwest. Kansas—Fair, somewhat colder. South Carolina and Georgia—Fair, not much change in temperature. Florida—Probably fair, not much change in temperature.